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in patent number 5,617,418, granted April 1, 1997, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Network Link Detection and Generation

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on April 1, 1999 as reissue application number 09 / 286,679
and was amended on 08/01/00, 04/09/01, 05/03/01, 09/23/02 and 02/17/04
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

In claim 7, "said" was inadvertently left out of the claim; in claim 10, "of" in two places was misprinted as "or;" and in claim 11, "spaced-apart" was misspelled as "space-apart" and "fourth means detects" was deleted, as claim 11 is a method claim and there is no antecedent basis for the "fourth means" as it was included as an obvious typographical error. Applicant also claimed less than they were entitled to, as reflected in new claims 14-52, which are of different scope than original claims 1-13.

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